

## American Indian and Total Population for Crow Reservation and Related Areas

	American Indian Population					
	Census	Estimates				
Geography	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Crow Reservation	5,165	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Big Horn County	7,560	7,623	7,677	7,717	7,879	8,067
Crow Agency CDP*	1,485	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fort Smith CDP*	40	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lodge Grass	442	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Pryor CDP*	533	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Xavier CDP*	35	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wyola CDP*	147	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Yellowstone County	3,950	4,157	4,364	4,454	4,521	4,724
	Total Population					
	Census	Estimates				
Geography	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Crow Reservation	6,894	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Big Horn County	12,671	12,817	12,829	12,897	13,076	13,149
Crow Agency CDP*	1,552	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Fort Smith CDP*	122	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Lodge Grass	510	515	515	517	523	522
Pryor CDP*	628	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
St. Xavier CDP*	67	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Wyola CDP*	186	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Yellowstone County	129,352	130,572	131,898	133,265	134,806	136,691

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

n/a = Not available

\*Census designated places (CDPs) are delineated for each decennial census as the statistical counterparts of incorporated places. CDPs are delineated to provide data for settled concentrations of population that are identifiable by name but are not legally incorporated under the laws of the state in which they are located. The boundaries usually are defined in cooperation with local and tribal officials. These boundaries, which usually coincide with visible features or the boundary of an adjacent incorporated place or other legal entity boundary, have no legal status, nor do these places have officials elected to serve traditional municipal functions.

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# Crow Reservation

The Crow Reservation, headquartered in Crow Agency, is the largest reservation in Montana, encompassing 2.2 million acres of rolling upland plains, the Wolf, Bighorn and Pryor Mountains, and the bottomlands of the Bighorn River, Little Bighorn River and Pryor Creek. The reservation is home to 8,143 (71.7%) of the 11,357 enrolled Apsaalooke tribal members.

According to Tribal Enrollment officials, 4,258 (37.49%) of enrolled Apsaalooke members are below the age of 18. To address the need for post-secondary education, the Tribe took a progressive stance and opened Little Bighorn Community College in 1980. What began with less than a dozen students now hosts 328 full-time students and employs 50 staff members, 12 faculty members, and 7 work-study program students.

The majority of employment is supplied by the Crow Tribe and federal programs, providing work to 2,202 employees in total. More specifically, the Bureau of Indian Affairs provides employment to 87 employees and the Crow/Northern Cheyenne Hospital has 270 employees including all outreach services. Privately owned businesses account for 253 employees in total (*employment numbers provided by tribal and public entities directly*).

The basis of the economy is derived from the rich resources of the Tribe's land, which is used directly to support livestock operations. The Tribe owns vast and varied amounts of renewable and non-renewable resources on the reservation which include land, sand and gravel, water and timber, coal, oil, and methane gas. In October of 2004, the Crow Tribe contracted Koski Geophysical Consulting of Billings to conduct seismic testing, evaluation and interpretation of data. With the findings, the Tribe was able to market its potential for oil and methane gas production at trade shows in Houston and Denver. In May 2005, the Tribe secured a minerals lease agreement with Golden Arrow Energy of Wyoming to begin production on 7,680 acres south of Crow Agency.

The Crow Nation is the first Tribe in the United States to adopt into law the Model Secured Transactions Act that was developed by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL). NCCUSL drafted the Uniform Commercial Code in the 1940s.

In 2001, the Crow Nation approved a new constitution, designating four year terms for elected officers and an elected district legislature. Since adopting the new constitution, the Crow Legislature has approved the Finance Protection and Procedures Act and the Model Tribal Secured Transactions Act. These two acts enable Crow members to obtain home ownership and business ownership financing. This recently enacted legal infrastructure has provided economic opportunity and stability for Crow members and the community.

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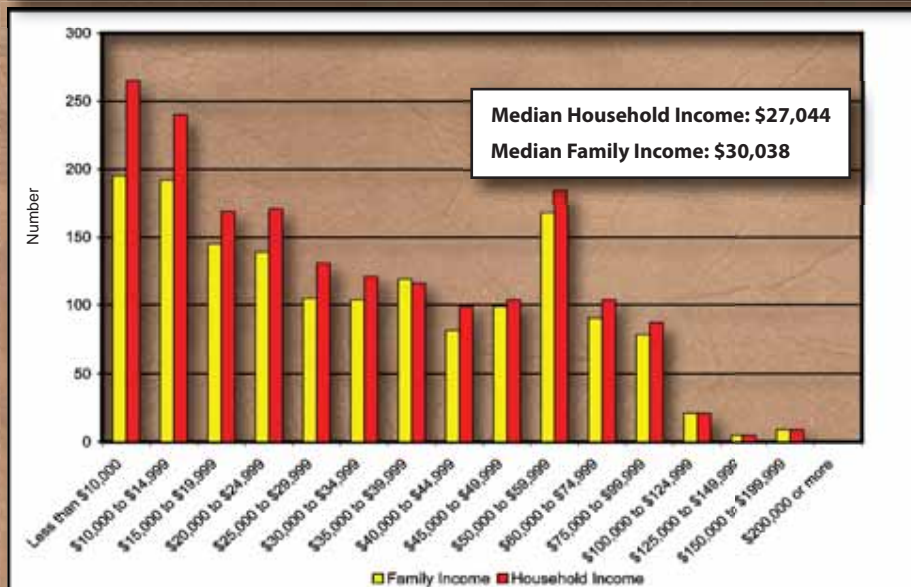
## Crow Reservation - Agricultural Statistics 2002 Census of Agriculture

	All Farms	Farms Operated by American Indians
<b>Farms</b>		
<b>Farms: (number)</b>	377	138
Land in farms (acres)	1,989,372	838,738
Average size of farms (acres)	5,277	6,078
<b>Farms by size: (number)</b>		
Less than 1,000 acres	196	89
1,000 acres or more	181	49
<b>Farms by value of products sold and government payments received: (number)</b>		
Less than \$100,000	274	124
\$100,000 or more	103	14
<b>Farms by type of organization: (number)</b>		
Family, Individual, Partnership	336	130
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	41	8
<b>Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested</b>		
<b>Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)</b>		
Cattle and calves	57,297	9,842
Hogs and pigs	(D)	-
Sheep and lambs	(D)	-
Horses and ponies	3,031	1,571
Bison	1,981	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	251	(D)
<b>Crops Harvested (acres)</b>		
Corn for grain	(D)	-
Corn for silage or greenchop	2,061	-
Wheat for grain, All	75,488	2,840
Winter wheat for grain	59,717	(D)
Durum wheat for grain	-	-
Spring wheat for grain	15,771	(D)
Barley for grain	8,264	-
Oats for grain	670	(D)
Sunflower seed, All	-	-
Soybeans for beans	(D)	-
Hay, haylage, grass silage	43,052	8,287
<b>Operator Demographics</b>		
<b>Primary occupation: (number)</b>		
Farming	341	69
Other	218	107
<b>Place of residence: (number)</b>		
On farm operated	453	147
Not on farm operated	106	29
<b>Years on present farm: (number)</b>		
Less than 10 years	177	55
10 years or more	384	121
<b>Age group: (number)</b>		
Under 55 years	349	112
55 years and over	210	64
<b>Average age of all operators: (number)</b>	50.9	51.2

(D): Not Disclosable

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service

## Crow Reservation - Distribution of Income by Family and Household from Census 2000



**Household Income:** This includes the income of the householder and all other individuals 15 years old and over in the household, whether they are related to the householder or not. Because many households consist of only one person, average household income is usually less than average family income.

**Family Income:** In compiling statistics on family income, the incomes of all members 15 years old and over related to the householder are summed and treated as a single amount.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## Crow Reservation - Educational Attainment Population 25 Years and Older

Educational Attainment	Total	American Indian
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	30.5%	29.8%
Associate Degree	5.6%	5.2%
Bachelor's Degree	10.4%	7.9%
Master's Degree	2.3%	1.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## Owner and Renter Occupied Housing Units

Housing	Total	American Indian
Owner Occupied	71.3%	70.5%
Renter Occupied	28.7%	29.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## Crow Reservation - Labor Force Statistics

The table below provides labor force statistics from three separate sources. The reader will notice some of the numbers are dissimilar, owing to the differing definitions and statistical techniques used by each source. These differences are explained below:

### Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Unemployment rates produced by MT Department of Labor
- Labor Force definition
  - Civilian, non-institutional population 16 years and older
  - The sum of Employment and Unemployment
- Employment definition
  - Did any work as paid employees
  - Worked in their own business, profession, or farm
  - Worked 15 hours or more as unpaid workers in a family owned enterprise
- Unemployment definition
  - Have not worked during monthly survey period (usually the week containing the 12th of the month)
  - Available for work
  - Actively seeking a job during last four weeks
- Unemployment Rate definition
  - Equal to the number of Unemployed divided by number in the Labor Force

### U.S. Census Bureau:

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the reservation, not the tribe.
- Uses the same definitions for Labor Force, Employment, and Unemployment as BLS
- Self-reported every ten years
- Rate reflects employment status as of April 1st, 2000

### Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA):

- Statistics represent labor characteristics of the tribe, not the reservation.
- Labor Force definition
  - Number of tribal members between 16 and 64 years old
  - Available for work
  - Not disabled or incarcerated
- Employment definition
  - Tribal members working for money
- Unemployment definition
  - Calculated by subtracting Employment from Labor Force

	Year	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemp. Rate
Montana Department of Labor and Industry	2005	2,886	2,527	359	12.4%
U.S. Census Bureau	2000	2,786	2,310	476	17.1%
U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs	2005	4,593	2,455	2,138	46.5%



## Crow Reservation - Occupation by Gender

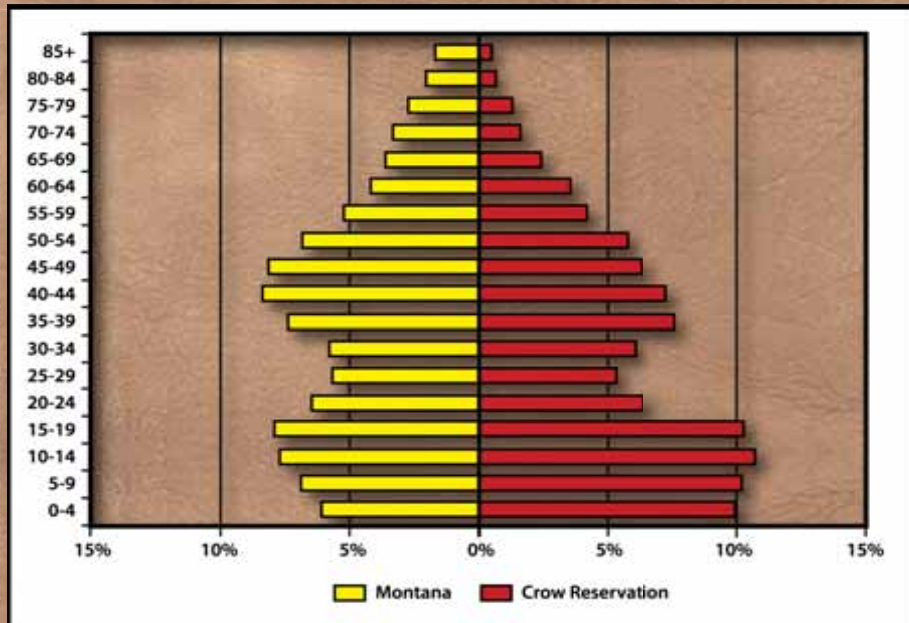
### Employed Civilian Population 16 Years and Over

Occupation	Total	American Indian
<b>Total:</b>	2,310	1,535
<b>Male:</b>	1,112	683
Management, professional, and related occupations	392	172
Service occupations	265	228
Sales and office occupations	94	59
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	78	11
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	184	144
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	99	69
<b>Female:</b>	1,198	852
Management, professional, and related occupations	415	267
Service occupations	344	278
Sales and office occupations	377	286
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	11	0
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	12	9
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	39	12

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## Crow Reservation - Population Pyramid

### Percent of Total Reservation Population by Age Group



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

## Crow Wage & Salary Employment

### Annual Averages 2005

Industry	Average Employment	Average Annual Wages Per Job
<b>Total</b>	1,544	\$27,930
<b>Total Private</b>	275	\$17,546
<b>Goods Producing</b>	17	\$31,165
<b>Service Providing</b>	258	\$16,645
<b>Trade, Transportation, and Utilities</b>	113	\$15,725
<b>Retail Trade</b>	90	\$9,831
<b>Gasoline Stations</b>	40	\$10,256
<b>Professional and Business Services</b>	12	\$25,204
<b>Professional, Scientific, and Tech. Services</b>	12	\$25,204
<b>Leisure and Hospitality</b>	77	\$15,748
<b>Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation</b>	65	\$16,670
<b>Accommodation and Food Services</b>	12	\$10,650
<b>Total Government</b>	1,269	\$30,183
<b>Federal Government</b>	463	\$47,966
<b>State Government</b>	10	\$21,618
<b>Local Government</b>	796	\$19,949

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: This data is based on the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) series which compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. Some sectors are not shown to preserve confidentiality of individual businesses